

PRESIDENT TAFT BRATTLEBORO'S GUEST ON MONDAY



The President Speaking at Island Park

One of the days to which Brattleboro will look back with pride was Monday of this week, the occasion of the visit of this town of William Howard Taft, President of the United States. It was a notable event in the history of the town, and about 3000 persons assembled at Island park to see and hear the distinguished visitor. From the time when it was announced that the President would come until the time of his arrival a company of men and women were busy making preparations for the visit, and the President and his party, which included Mrs. Taft, were much pleased with their reception. It is perhaps unnecessary to say that those who assembled at Island park were very much delighted with the appearance of the President. Of fine physique and large stature, he appeared to be in perfect health, and the stress of business and political life had made no furrows upon his countenance. His face was aglow with apparent happiness, and the coming election seemed farthest from his thoughts.

While President Taft spoke only 10 minutes, his utterances and his appearance had a magnetic influence over the people and left upon them an indelible conviction that he was a man of noble attributes and great strength of character. He was given enthusiastic applause at frequent intervals and the crowd arose and cheered before and after his speech. Persons of all shades of political conviction joined in expressions of satisfaction and in complimentary remarks concerning him.

President Taft was not on a political or speech-making tour, but was on a vacation trip by automobile to the White Mountains, and his brief address was entirely devoid of politics. In fact he did not intend it to be considered as an address, but an expression of greeting to the people in the county where his ancestors lived. He was particularly interested to visit this county and the site of his ancestral home in West Townshend, and in response to urgent requests he spoke briefly in Wilmington, Brattleboro, Newfane and Townshend. Enthusiasm was everywhere manifested, and the cordial goodwill between the President and people was reciprocal.

In the party were President and Mrs. Taft, Miss Gabel Boardman and Maj. Thomas L. Rhoades, military aid, besides one of the President's secretaries, secret service agents and newspaper men. The principal members of the party spent Sunday at the home of United States Senator W. Murray Crane in Dalton, Mass., and left there Monday morning for the Vermont trip, coming here by way of North Adams and Wilmington.

Attorney Clarke C. Fitts, chairman of the local committee of arrangements, took the party to North Adams Monday morning with Adj. Gen. Lee S. Tillotson of St. Albans and Frank C. Williams of Newfane, chairman of the Republican state committee, and accompanied the party to Wilmington. Gov. Allen M. Fletcher of Cavendish, George L. Dunham of the local committee of arrangements and Maj. F. W. Childs motored to Wilmington and returned with the party.

Leaving North Adams at 11:30 they went by way of Readsboro mountain to Wilmington, arriving at 12:35. The town was decorated handsomely and the children in large numbers were dressed in white. The President stopped in front of the Childs tavern and spoke about five minutes to a crowd of 500 or more, and after being presented sweet peas they started for Brattleboro. The trip of 20 miles was made in 45 minutes, and their arrival here the party went to the home of Col. J. Gray Estey to dine.

The interior of Col. Estey's home was decorated in a simple but effective way. The reception and drawing rooms were decorated with quantities of white cypress and the library with pink dahlias. The dining room presented a

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me where it is. I presume it is a good thing. I presume it makes sturdy men and sturdy citizens to have a climate in which the changes are so marked in one year as they are in Vermont. I am not so sure as I should be so enthusiastic about the climate if I should come four months hence. I think it is the architecture of the ages and that it is not so much the comfortable that goes to make up the sensible people of Vermont. Certain it is that when you go into the tropics where the temperature is always the same or go into a country where it is less heated and continues the same, the people have not the same ability to meet the troubles and perplexities of life and have not the same common sense with which to carry them over the rough places and thank-you-mams. I mean no personal reference to thank-you-mams. They are of recent occurrence in Massachusetts.

We are to be congratulated on the condition of the country, on its prosperity. There has been a complete revolution in the character of agriculture of Vermont, so Senator Proctor told me. You are making all of our butter and all of our cream, and raising cows at a profit instead of making the price of milk the same as that of champagne. We count on Vermont, although a very small state, for the history and progress of this country, as representing that average, that high average, of discriminating intelligence and patriotic citizenship that shall stand in favor of progress which shall be real progress.

Vermont does not change in its citizenship as other states do, and you have the heaven of a long history of the highest kind of patriots. I have been studying a little for the purpose of saying something in Montpelier in memory of the common soldier and I find in every Vermont regiment the traits of the Vermont people. They were great and brave and they did not blow their own horns, but when it came to holding a whole army at the bloody angle it was the old Vermont brigade that was sure to do it. It is a pleasure to come into this community. It particularly thrills me with your grand old state.

A feature of the visit which escaped the attention of most persons was the presentation to Mrs. Taft of a huge bouquet of clematis, grown by the children of the town. The idea was worked out by Mrs. Charles S. Chase. As Mrs. Taft alighted from the automobile the presentation was made by Miss Althea Chase, a daughter of the first lady of the land from the women of Brattleboro. The names of the organizations making the gift were attached. They were the Woman's club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United States Daughters of 1812, the Woman's Relief corps, the Woman's Christian Temperance union, the Eastern Star, the Daughters of Rebekah, the Daughters of Pocahontas and St. Cecilia's Altar society.

The committee of arrangements for the Brattleboro visit were George L. Dunham, Clarke C. Fitts, Col. J. Gray Estey, Edwin L. Hildreth, Sanford A. Daniels, Dennison Cowles, Ernest J. Werman and Harold E. Whitney.

It was a few minutes past 3 o'clock when the party started for Townshend. They were accompanied to that town by Col. Estey, Major C. Houghton, Charles O. Robbins, Ferris R. Vaughan, Mr. Fitts and Mr. Daniels. They stopped in Newfane, opposite the common, and President Taft spoke briefly to the 300 or more persons gathered there. Flags were displayed throughout the village. He shook hands with Charles E. Skinner, the veteran surveyor, who worked when a boy with the President's grandfather, Peter Taft, when the latter was surveying. He told the President that he always could tell when he struck a line run by Peter Taft, because of the peculiar marks made by him.

At Newfane and Townshend. The President's stop at Newfane was in response to resolutions introduced in the Windham county court Friday afternoon by Col. E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro, chairman of the bar, and adopted by unanimous vote. The resolutions were as follows:

"Whereas, it is reported that the President of the United States, William Howard Taft, is soon to visit the ancestral home of his family at Townshend,

Whereas, the grandfather of the President, Peter R. Taft, was an honored member of the bar of this county and for several years one of the judges of our county court, and

"Whereas, a visit by the President would be a distinguished honor and a memorable event,

"Therefore, be it resolved that the court, the bar and the court officials of Windham county extend to his President an earnest request to visit during his trip, our court, at the courthouse at Newfane, and to make an address if he finds it possible to do so.

"Be it further resolved that the presiding judge, the Hon. Fred M. Butler, be and is hereby directed to extend this invitation.

"Be it further resolved that this invitation be spread upon the records of the county court."

The next stop was at Townshend, where special preparations had been made. The decorations there were especially noteworthy, and the Townshend people deserve much credit for their thorough and painstaking efforts, which were made without regard to political considerations. Long before the President reached the village the welcome began to be manifest, as all the telephone poles and buildings for two miles or more were decorated with flags, many of them draped in graceful folds. Strings of flags were strung across the road at C. H. Willard's house, and at Mr. Willard's house. The covered bridge in Harbonyville was elaborately decorated, and a large banner with "Welcome" upon it was strung between J. E. Chase's store and W. M. Sparks's hardware shop. Leland & Gray's store was draped with a large banner with the following inscription: "Peter R. Taft, first President." The town hall, hotel, Masonic hall, public school and all the private residences in the village

were handsomely decorated for the occasion.

Col. A. B. Franklin, past department commander of the G. A. R., stepped up on the President's automobile as it stopped in front of the seminary and made introductory remarks, while the children, dressed in white and carrying flags, gathered close to the car. Behind them on every hand were the adults from Townshend and surrounding towns, the crowd numbering about 800. President Taft spoke but briefly, paying a pleasing tribute to the town and the western part of which his father was born. He met there two second cousins, Miss Carrie Farrar of New York, who spent the summer at Townshend, and Mrs. Charles Cutler of Townshend.

Continuing to West Townshend, the ancestral home, President Taft visited several minutes with Miss Mary Taft, an own cousin of his father, and other old friends of the family. He had to climb an exceedingly steep hill about a mile and a half to go to the old home place of the family, which is now owned by Thaddeus Wheeler. President Taft alighted from the touring car at the old farm and looked at the remains of the old house and the old mill, and well near the house of his ancestors.

No public remarks were made at West Townshend, and darkness was approaching when the party left for the 20-mile trip across the Green Mountains to Manchester to remain over night. On that trip they passed through the only toll gate in Vermont, known as the Peru and Winhall turnpike. The day's ride, however, necessitated crossing four mountains, two being in the Green Mountain range.

President Taft was a guest Monday night of Robert Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln has a magnificent mansion looking many miles down the Battenkill valley. On Tuesday the journey was continued to Montpelier. The presidential party dined at noon in the Woodstock Inn and the President addressed the crowds briefly in several towns. On Wednesday afternoon, in accordance with a resolution passed by the legislature, the President delivered in the state house an address in memory of the common soldier at the unveiling of a tablet.

Press Representative Injured. Soon after leaving North Adams the press car and an automobile coming from an opposite direction collided and A. W. Fox, a representative of the New York Herald, sustained a compound fracture of the left forearm. The bone protruded through the flesh, but Mr. Fox made no complaint and remained with the party until he reached Brattleboro, the first attention being given him by Dr. George R. Anderson. Dr. Anderson sent him to the Memorial hospital, where he remained until next day.

The Taft Ancestry.

The ancestry of President Taft included two prominent Townshend families. His grandfather was Aaron Taft, who moved his family to Townshend from Uxbridge, Mass., in March, 1799. The snow was so deep that it took 19 yoke of oxen to move the household goods from West Townshend village to Taft hill. Aaron's son, Peter Rawson Taft, was 14 years old when his parents went to Townshend. He became a successful teacher and afterward a judge of probate, a judge of the Windham county court, a representative in the legislature, one of the founders of Leland and Gray seminaries, and its president from 1835 to 1841, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1810 he married Sylvia Howard of Townshend, daughter of Levi Howard, who went to Townshend from Milford, Mass., in 1775. They had one son, Alphonso Taft, father of the President. He was born in Townshend, spent his early days on a farm there, graduated from Yale in 1835 and in 1839 went to Cincinnati. On Aug. 23, 1841, he married Fanny Phelps of Townshend, and for his second wife he married Louisa M. Torrey in Milbury, Mass., in 1852. Their son, President Taft, was born in Cincinnati, Sept. 15, 1857. The President's father was judge of the superior court of Cincinnati from 1885 to 1871, secretary of war from 1875 to 1878, attorney general from 1878 to 1879, United States minister to Austria from 1883 to 1885 and United States minister to Russia from 1885 to 1889. The President's mother was a daughter of Samuel D. Torrey, a West India merchant, of Boston.

BURNING OF LEAVES PROHIBITED.

Board of Health Order Issued Yesterday—Practice Is Injurious to Eyes and Throats of Many Persons.

By direction of the state board of health an order has been issued by the Brattleboro board of health this week prohibiting the practice of burning leaves and waste in this village, because of the injurious effect such practice has upon many persons. The order is similar to those issued the past two years, covering the same subject, and is as follows:

To the Public:

Because the burning of leaves and waste in the streets and yards of the village of Brattleboro causes not only general discomfort, but is an injury to the eyes and throats of very many people, said practice is forbidden in the village of Brattleboro.

By order of the Board of Health of Brattleboro.

October 10, 1912.

"The Bohemian Girl."

A troupe of acrobats, horses, jogs, chickens, monkeys and geese sound incongruous when associated with opera, but still it is said that all of those named are introduced with entire consistency by the Abner Opera company in its latest production of "The Bohemian Girl," which will soon be presented here.

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